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SUBJECT: EMBASSY TRAVEL - JULY

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1. SUMMARY AND COMMENT. EMBASSY TRAVEL IN JULY PRODUCED SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT IN TERMS OF CLOSED AREA ACCESS WITH TWO-DAY VISIT TO SAKHALIN ISLAND (YUZHNO-SAKHALINSK) BY SCIOFF ACCOMPANYING FISHERIES DELEGATION. THIS IS SECOND RECENT CASE OF SCIOFF CLOSED AREA ACCESS WHILE ACCOMPANYING VISITING DELEGATION; FIRST (WHICH TRAVEL OFFICER MISSED) WAS LATE MAY VISIT TO SHEVCHENKO, ON EAST SHORE OF THE CASPIAN, WITH ATOMIC ENERGY DELEGATION. IN NEITHER CASE WAS A CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION REQUESTED, HOWEVER, AS THE ACCOMPANYING OFFICERS WERE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS. END SUMMARY AND COMMENT.

2. EMBASSY TRAVEL STATISTICS FOR JULY 1976 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

REQUESTS

59

DESTINATIONS: 93

TRAVELERS: 136

SELF-CANCELLED: 4

REFUSED/ALTERED: 0

EXCEPTIONS REQUESTED:

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24-HOUR: 5

48-HOUR: 1
CLOSED AREA: 0

EXCEPTIONS DENIED:

24-HOUR: 2
48-HOUR: 0
CLOSED AREA: 0

3. LARGE PERCENTAGE OF EMBASSY TRAVEL WAS TO LENINGRAD AND KIEV. ALL 24-HOUR EXCEPTIONS REQUESTED, SAVE ONE, WERE FOR PERSONAL TRAVEL, AS WERE THE TWO TURNDOWNS. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO LIMIT EXCEPTIONS REQUESTED TO OFFICIAL TRAVEL UNLESS THERE IS OVERRIDING REASON.

4. MFA PROTOCOL (PROKOFIEV) HAS INFORMED US THAT VLADIMIR-SKAYA AND IVANOVSKAYA OBLASTS ARE IN FACT OPEN AREAS (REFTEL) THOUGH A PROBLEM REMAINS CONCERNING MODES OF TRANSPORT PERMITTED. PROKOFIEV PROMISED TO CLARIFY SITUATION THIS WEEK. STOESSEL

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